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SUBJECT: EC AGREEMENTS WITH SPAIN AND ISRAEL

1. DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO INITIATE SHORTLY CONSULTATIONS UNDER GATT ARTICLE 23 WITH EC, SPAIN AND ISRAEL ON EC PREFERENTIAL TRADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH SPAIN AND ISRAEL, WHICH WE REGARD AS INCOMPATIBLE WITH GATT. OUR MAIN PURPOSE IN ASKING FOR THESE CONSULTATIONS IS TO NEGOTIATE SATISFACTORY SOLUTIONS TO AVOID OR COMPENSATE US FOR IMPAIRMENT OF OUR TRADE. PRIOR TO DECISION ON TIMING FOR FORMAL ACTION ON CONSULTATION, INITIAL PRESENTATION OF OUR POSITION TO PARTIES INVOLVED IS BEING MADE IN WASHINGTON TO ISRAEL AND SPANISH AND IN BRUSSELS TO EC.

2. SECRETARY SHULTZ INFORMED ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER OF USG DECISION MAY 10 AND WILL INFORM LOPEZ RODO MONDAY MAY 14. EC COMMISSIONER SOAMES WILL BE INFORMED IN BRUSSELS
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MAY 14 BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESEL AND AMBASSADOR
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3. PRIOR TO OPENING OF FORMAL CONSULTATIONS ABOVE INFOR-
MATION MUST BE CLOSELY HELD. ROGERS

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